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Summer homework assignment: Read the above article (it is short)

Respond to the following prompt:

As the world of robotics is constantly growing, where do you stand on the use of “autonomous killer robots” in modern warfare? What are the issues you see surrounding this topic? As with the nuclear arms race do you believe that countries, governments, and other agencies need to create regulatory agencies to research, monitor, and regulate this issue?

**Rubric: Writing an opinion/argument**

Take a stand on the topic, develop a compelling argument to explain your point. Your argument should include the main idea, connections with significant details, background information, and meaning. An excellent argument can be completed in one good, healthy paragraph.

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|  | Topic sentence clearly identifies the writers opinion on the topic. (1 pts) |
|  | Topic sentence correctly uses a strong verb. (1 pt) |
|  | Topic sentence finishes with the main idea of the argument. (1 pts) |
|  | Argument includes background information from the passage, including facts that adequately support the main idea. (2 pts) |
|  | Argument details the authors stance for the passage. (1 pts) |
|  | Argument uses complete sentences and has no spelling, punctuation, or grammar errors. (2 pts) |
|  | Transitions are used appropriately. (1 pt) |
|  | Writing is submitted on time and typed (12 pt font, double spaced, including a proper header that includes name, period, date. (1 pt) |
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|  | **TOTAL POINTS**  (10 possible) |